



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Audubon

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Information

Welcome to

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge is one of over 535 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System -- a network of lands set aside to conserve wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come. The goose symbol, seen above, was designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling and has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Hunting Information

The Refuge office and visitor center is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge is divided into two zones which are designated as Zone A and Zone B on the map.

Hunting on the Refuge is permitted for deer, pheasant, grouse, and partridge as described in the following sections. Hunting of all other wildlife species is prohibited on the Refuge.

All Federal and State hunting regulations apply.

Refuge islands are closed to all hunting. Islands that become attached to the mainland because of lowered water levels or dikes may be hunted.

Game may be retrieved up to 100 yards inside the entire Refuge boundary fence and closed areas of the Refuge. Retrieval may not exceed 10 minutes and dogs may be used. No firearms are allowed while retrieving game in these areas.

Hunters may not drive on Refuge roads while hunting. Hunters must park at the Refuge boundary and walk in.

Baiting of any kind is not allowed on the Refuge.

Hunting from horses is not allowed on the Refuge.

The auto tour route and retrieval trails may be blocked due to drifting snow. Please use care when driving on these roads in winter.

Deer Hunting - Bow, Gun, and Muzzleloader

Zone A is open to bow, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunting with proper State license, following State regulations, and during State seasons. Special Refuge permits are not required.

Zone B is closed to all deer hunting.

Deer hunters may not drive on Refuge roads while hunting. Hunters must park at the Refuge boundary and walk in. To retrieve a downed deer, deer hunters may drive in on the auto tour route and retrieval trails shown on the map.

Hunters may use portable tree stands that meet State regulations. Tree stands may not be left up over night. No permanent stands are allowed.

The Refuge is **not** open for the special youth deer hunting season.

Upland Bird Hunting - Pheasant, Grouse, and Partridge

Zone A opens for upland bird hunting the first Monday after the deer gun season closes, and continues to the end of the State season.

Zone B is closed to upland bird hunting.

Upland bird hunters may not drive on Refuge roads while upland bird hunting. Hunters must park at the Refuge boundary and walk in.

Non-toxic shot is required. **NO LEAD SHOT MAY BE USED OR CARRIED** on the Refuge.

Accessibility Information

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